

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2005

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, June 13, 2005 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos
Vice President Lesser
Treasurer Duba
Commissioner Freeman
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Mummey
Commissioner Rodriguez

President Davalos introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Peggy Freeman, who represents the Fifth District. Introduction of the audience followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Vice President Lesser, and duly carried, with Commissioners Mummey and Freeman abstaining, the minutes of May 9, 2005 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: There was no report.

(Commissioner Perkins joined the meeting.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Duba reported on the expenditures for the month of May, 2005. The beginning balance for May, 2005 was \$21, 040.89; expenditures were \$516.00; income was \$148.16; and the ending balance was \$20,673.05. The monthly spending allowance for June, 2005 is \$20,673.05.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- Bonnie Lewis was re-appointed to the Commission to a 2-year term expiring August 29, 2006. All Commissioners now have current terms.
- The next ACCW Quarterly meeting will be held in Glendale on Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13th.

- President Davalos and Commissioner Rodriguez will participate in a meeting with a delegation of women from Malaysia on Monday, June 20th at 11:00 a.m. at a local domestic violence shelter.
- There will be community dialogue about African American Women and Heart Disease on Thursday, June 23rd from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Exposition Park Community Center.

APPROVE ACCW DUES FOR 2005-06

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Vice President Lesser, the Commission unanimously approved renewal dues of \$50 to the ACCW.

APPROVE NACW TRAVEL EXPENSES

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Mummey, and duly carried, with Commissioner Freeman abstaining, the Commission approved registration, hotel and transportation expenses up to \$2,000 to send the official Commission delegate to the 36th Annual NACW Convention in Miami Beach, FL from July 13-17, 2005.

SET ITEM: PRESENTATION ON OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH PREVENTION MATTERS CAMPAIGN

Ms. Ellen Eidem, Acting Director of the Office of Women's Health, L.A. County Department of Health Services, presented an overview of the Prevention Matters campaign. Emphasizing that heart disease is the number one cause of death of women, she reviewed the goals of the campaign to promote heart health. First, it seeks to increase awareness and education of women's heart health. Another goal is to increase women's access to prevention services, and the final objective is advocacy and policy. To achieve these goals, the OWH has created new community and public-private partnerships and is hosting community dialogues. In addition, the OWH's mobile health clinic is offering women health screenings, education and referrals. She then invited Commissioners to attend the June 23rd community dialogue on African-American women's heart health.

(Commissioner Creary joined the meeting during the presentation.)

President Davalos thanked Ms. Eidem for her informative presentation. Treasurer Duba offered the Office of Women's Health a complimentary exhibitor's booth at this year's 5k Run Walk on September 24, 2005.

ELECTION OF 2005-2006 OFFICERS

Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office, announced the recommended slate of officers for 2005-06 as follows:

Karin Davalos – President
Charlotte Lesser – Vice President
Reiko Duba – Treasurer

On motion of Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, the Commission unanimously accepted the above slate of candidates.

Nominations from the floor were opened for the office of President. There being no nominations, on motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Creary, the Commission unanimously closed nominations.

The Commission then unanimously elected Karin Davalos as President for 2004-05.

Nominations from the floor were opened for the office of Vice President. There being no nominations, nominations were closed and the Commission unanimously elected Charlotte Lesser as Vice President for 2005-06.

Nominations from the floor were opened for the office of Treasurer. There being no nominations, nominations were closed and the Commission unanimously elected Reiko Duba as Treasurer for 2005-06.

Commissioners congratulated the elected officers and agreed to schedule the installation of officers ceremony for July 25, 2005.

ESTABLISH AD HOC RETREAT COMMITTEE

President Davalos appointed the following Commissioners from each District to serve on the ad-hoc Retreat Committee:

First District	President Davalos
Second District	Commissioner Jernigan
Third District	Commissioner ZeBrack
Fourth District	Commissioner Mummey
Fifth District	Commissioner Gravely

President Davalos and Commissioner Gravely will co-chair the committee.

REPORT ON THE 20TH ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS RECEPTION

Commissioners commented on the Awards Reception of June 6, 2005, including concerns about the program length and accessibility to the stage. The Awards Reception Committee will schedule a follow-up meeting. Commissioners requested staff to send them an evaluation form for the reception.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee: Commissioner Creary reported that members of the Health Committee met with the Board Health Deputies on June 1, 2005. She informed Commissioners that a Department of Health Services representative would make a presentation to the Commission on issues related to the King/Drew Medical Center.

Domestic Violence Subcommittee: Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the subcommittee met this morning and is following up with 11 county departments who haven't responded to the Commission's domestic violence survey. Overall, 71% of county departments have responded to the survey. She requested that representatives from DHR, the District Attorney and the Community and Senior Services Domestic Violence Unit make a presentation to the Commission on their domestic violence policies. The next subcommittee meeting will be August 22, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Jernigan reported that the Board of Supervisors voted to support Assembly Bill 22 (Lieber and Liu), which is an anti-human trafficking bill. She expressed appreciation to Supervisor Burke for making the motion to support the bill, and requested staff to send a thank you letter to her and to the co-authors of the bill. She also reported that AB 22 has been approved by the State Assembly and is being reviewed by the State Senate. She then reported on the UNITE-Here labor union's settlement with hotel owners, and spoke on Martin Ludlow's appointment to the County Federation of Labor. Finally, she spoke on the state budget battle in Sacramento.

Media Committee: Commissioner Perkins spoke on enhancing the Commission's website by adding a page on actions taken by the Commission.

Older Women's Committee: Commissioner Mummey spoke on SB 617 (Speier), which concerns standards for women prisoners. She also spoke on litigation related to elder abuse of women and reported that she and other Commissioners attended the County's Multi-Cultural Conference on May 12, 2005. She further reported that she has submitted suggested updates and revisions to the Commission's publication, *The Legal Guide for Widows*.

5k Run/Walk Subcommittee: The next subcommittee meeting is June 27, 2005 at 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Genevieve Clavreul spoke on issues related to the King/Drew Medical Center.

<u>REPORT OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	
<u>COMMISSIONER ATTENDING</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF EVENT(S)</u>
Commissioner Creary	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Attended the County's Multi-Cultural Conference on May 12, 2005 at the Hilton in Universal City.2. Attended the Women Against Gun Violence Tenth Annual Courageous Leadership Awards Brunch on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at the Luxe Hotel Bel Air.3. Attended the Go Red for Women Luncheon on May 19, 2005 at the Century Plaza Hotel.
Commissioner Rodriguez	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. She and Vice President Lesser attended the Commissioners' Leadership Conference on May 26, 2005 at the Music Center.2. Attended the Human Relations Commission Conference on Hate Crimes.3. Announced upcoming ACCW election of officers.
Commissioner Freeman	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Attended an event at the San Antonio Winery for retirees.2. Attended a luncheon in honor of Treasurer Duba.3. Attended a memorial for the past president of the Master's College.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, President Davalos adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Karin Davalos, President
Charlotte Lesser, Vice President
Reiko Duba, Treasurer
Ruth Creary, Ph.D
Peggy J. Freeman
Wadie Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Janet Mummey, Esq.
Barbara Perkins
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Bonnie Lewis
Elise ZeBrack

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Steve Erickson, Nyla Jefferson, Gabriel Alexander

GUESTS

Genevieve Clavreul